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FM AMEMBASSY LOME
TO USCOMSOLANT
USS VALDEZ
USS SPRUANCE
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SUBJ: POSSIBLE USN-TOGOLESE EXERCISE

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1. BEFORE APPROACHING TOGOLESE GOVERNMENT CONCERNING
BILATERAL EXERCISES, REQUEST FEASIBILITY OF USING LAMPS
HELICOPTER IN CONJUNCTION WITH TWO TOGOLESE FAST
PATROL CRAFT TO TRACK (SEARCH FOR) SUBMARINE (TRAINING
DEVICE). WE ASSUME USS VALDEZ (OR LAMPS HELIO) HAS
TRAINING DEVICE WHICH COULD BE RELEASED OFF-SHORE AND
MONITORED WHILE VESSEL REMAINS IN PORT.

2. WE ENVISION TOGOLESE SENIOR MILITARY PERSONNEL (POSSIBLY
CHIEF OF STATE) FOLLOWING EXERCISE FROM VESSEL'S OPERATIONS
CENTER (IN PORT), WHILE OTHER TOGOLESE ARE ABOARD
TOGOLESE PATROL CRAFT AND POSSIBLY IN HELO. WE BELIEVE
CONSIDERABLE BENEFITS BOTH MILITARY AND DIPLOMATIC COULD BE
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GAINED FROM THIS EXERCISE (ACTUALLY MORE OF A US
DEMONSTRATION). INITIAL CONTACT WILL BE MADE AS SOON
AS WE RECEIVE YOUR ANSWER ON FEASIBILITY OF EXERCISE.
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